

Announcing a free Conference -

MEDICARE / MEDICAID Prescription Drug Coverage and Work Incentives for People with DisAbilities

In October, 2005, a conference will be held at two sites in the state, and we are hoping that you can attend. The conference is for people who have both Medicaid and Medicare. It is especially important for people enrolled in the Healthcare for Workers with Disabilities (HWD) program. The morning session will provide important information about the new Medicare prescription drug benefit and how it affects people on Medicaid. Topics will include information about Medicare prescription drug plans available in the state, extra help for

people with limited income, changing from Medicaid drug coverage to a Medicare plan, and other issues you may have questions about.

The afternoon session will present information about how to improve the state's employment supports and services for people with disabilities. Please plan to share your ideas about how to make that goal a reality!

These events are funded by the state's Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG) from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Conference Dates and Locations

October 11, 2005 SEATAC 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Doubletree Hotel Seatac Airport 18740 International Blvd. Seatac, WA 98188 October 12, 2005 SPOKANE 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Red Lion Hotel at The Park 30 W. North River Dr. Spokane, WA 99201

- Registration is required and is limited to 150 participants.
- Lunch, including vegetarian choices, will be provided.
- Registration and lunch are free.

To register, please let us know as soon as possible which event you would like to attend, using the contact information below. If you would like a room at the hotel the night before the conference, you must let us know <u>on or before Friday, September 30</u>; we will cover the cost of your lodging. Whether or not you need a room, please request any necessary accommodations when you register for the conference; otherwise, we may not be able to meet your needs. You will need to make your own arrangements for transportation. We cannot pay for or reimburse transportation expenses.

For more information or to register, contact: email: HAILECR@DSHS.WA.GOV (preferred) or telephone: 1-800-622-1375



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